

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on March 22, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 571, 3/14/2017; SB 99, 3/14/2017; SB 293, 3/14/2017

HEARING ON SB 99**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:18 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 99, Prohibit enforcement of new federal gun laws by Montana public employees.
00:01:37 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:38 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)
00:03:05 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting.
00:04:55 Rep. Harris joined the meeting.
00:06:15 Lloyd Phillips, Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA)
00:06:55 Laramie Wolverton, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:52 Don Jones, MEA-MFT
00:08:26 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana
00:08:55 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:29 Rep. C. Knudsen
00:11:05 Sen. Smith
00:12:14 Rep. Harris
00:13:00 Sen. Smith
00:13:59 Rep. Harris
00:14:17 Mark Murphy, MACOP
00:15:30 Rep. Usher
00:16:03 Don Jones, MEA-MFT
00:17:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:17:36 Don Jones, MEA-MFT
00:18:46 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:20:24 Rep. McConnell
00:21:17 Mark Murphy, MACOP
00:25:32 Rep. Manzella
00:26:13 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:27:44 Rep. Eck
00:28:51 Mark Murphy, MACOP
00:30:55 Rep. Kelker
00:31:33 Mark Murphy, MACOP
00:32:30 Rep. Berglee
00:33:07 Mark Murphy, MACOP
00:36:49 Rep. Berglee
00:37:24 Gary Marbut, MSSA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:22 Sen. Smith

HEARING ON SB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:25 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 293, Revise interest payments in civil cases.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:58 Mark Baker, Montana Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(juh59a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh59a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:45 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh59a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:33 Rep. Morigeau

01:00:04 Mark Baker, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:04:01 Rep. Wagoner

01:06:08 Rep. Eck

01:07:00 Al Smith, MTLA

01:08:51 Chair Doane

01:09:18 Mark Baker, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:10:29 Chair Doane

01:10:33 Sen. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:43 Sen. Smith

01:13:21 Recess

01:26:08 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 571

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:17 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 571, Create offense of concealing a person's identity.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:30:06 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)

01:36:52 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

01:38:08 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh59a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:39:23 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:03 Rep. Morigeau
01:46:54 SK Rossi, ACLU
01:48:27 Rep. Kelker
01:48:53 Rep. Usher
01:51:13 Rep. Kelker
01:52:04 Mark Murphy, MACOP
01:54:54 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:55:35 SK Rossi, ACLU
01:58:17 Rep. Harris
01:59:59 SK Rossi, ACLU
02:02:11 Rep. Eck
02:03:11 SK Rossi, ACLU
02:06:00 Chair Doane
02:06:36 Mark Murphy, MACOP
02:06:48 Rep. Eck left the meeting
02:09:33 Rep. C. Knudsen
02:10:42 Mark Murphy, MACOP
02:12:28 Rep. Morigeau
02:13:51 SK Rossi, ACLU
02:17:09 Rep. McConnell
02:19:04 SK Rossi, ACLU
02:20:25 Rep. Court
02:21:03 Rep. Usher
02:21:40 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:22:17 Dave Galt, MSPOA

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:57 Rep. Usher

Committee Business:

02:27:28 Chair Doane

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:28:30

Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh59aad.pdf](#))